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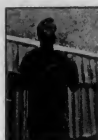
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Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 74 and a low of 49.

SUNDAY:

Mostly cloudy with a high of 71 and a low of 50.

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Margaret Huber

Academics Vs. Athletics?

Various Faculty Are Annoyed College Banned Staff Travel But Not Sports' Travel



Anthropology Professor Margaret Huber.

By TIFFANY MARSH
Staff Writer

A freeze on overnight travel for all college employees, but not for athletic teams, has irked some faculty and students who feel that the college is emphasizing athletics over academics.

In a memo sent on Aug. 23 to all college employees, Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, announced that because of anticipated budget cuts from the state of Virginia, the financial office would be implementing an overnight travel freeze for all travel that had not already been paid for and could not be refunded, with the exclusion of student team travel.

Not everyone on campus feels that the travel freeze has been implemented fairly. Margaret Huber, distinguished professor of anthropology, responded to the memo sent by Hurley on the same day with an email to all faculty. She stated that the travel exception made for

student athletes is not carrying out the ideals of the college.

"This is first and always an academic institution, not a gym. The Physical Education program is an enhancement to the academic one, not the other way around," Huber said.

Huber is worried that the restrictions are only getting harsher.

"We have been told that we cannot attend conferences even if we have had papers or sessions accepted there, even if we are invited speakers," she said.

The memo sent by Hurley said that if a professor wanted to attend a conference, he or she would have to pay for it his or herself.

The travel restrictions are not the only problems associated with the budget cuts, according to Huber.

"We are having to use old and dubious computer equipment, we cannot rent or buy classroom aids such as videos or pay guest speakers

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Alumna Briana Gervat.

File Photo

College Won't Reveal Plans For Budget Cuts

By OSASU AIRIAVBERE
Associate Editor

Members of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Board Of Visitors will be meeting this Friday, Sept. 27 in a closed-session to review the proposed budget cut plans. Citing confidentiality, college officials declined to comment on the specifics on their budget plan.

However, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer said the plans do call for the firing of some employees.

"There are positions in our plan for elimination," Hurley said.

The college is being forced to revise its budget for this fiscal year after the state of Virginia found itself \$2 billion short of its expected budget.

According to Hurley, the BOV is meeting in closed-session because the plans have been classified as Confidential Governor's Working Papers, which means that they can not be revealed to the public.

However, George Mason University revealed many of the specifics of their plans. According to an article published in The Washington Post on Sept. 20, the worst-case budget scenario would get rid of 140 teaching faculty and all scholarships.

The article also highlighted specifics such as the fact that the "fast-growing Fairfax campus also might suspend tutoring services, dramatically shrink future entering classes and shut down two highly touted new research programs it had hoped would raise the school's national profile."

Hurley said that the specifics of the plan for Mary Washington College still could not be revealed.

"I can only speculate that George Mason chose to ignore the governor's directive that the plans are considered Confidential Governor's Working Papers," Hurley said. "They also may have talked in generalities, which we all can do. We don't want to talk very much at all about our plans because we don't want to unnecessarily upset employees when there is so much uncertainty about the extent of the proposed cut."

President William Anderson sent an email to all employees on Sept. 19 in which he informed them that his "priorities will be to protect the instructional program at the College and the people's jobs."

Hurley agreed. "The College has, to the extent possible, made an effort to protect the instructional program and employees jobs,"

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'One Of Us Would Die'

Woman Who Killed Husband To Speak At MWC

By TERRY L. NORTON
Staff Writer

A woman who killed her husband is coming to Mary Washington College.

On Oct. 1, Rochelle Chong will be the main speaker at a Candlelight Vigil held on Ball Circle to honor the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Chong shot her husband killing him in 1993 after years of domestic abuse.

The Candlelight Vigil is sponsored by the Coalition for a Community without Violence. The coalition is made up of the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV), Rappahannock Council against Sexual Assault (RACASA), Rappahannock Area Council for Child Abuse Prevention (RACCAP) and Victim Witness from Stafford,

Spotsylvania, Caroline and Frederickburg.

Cathie Fisher Braman, volunteer coordinator at RCDV, helped organize the event.

"[Chong] has a very powerful story which could resonate with women going through abuse and help them recognize the consequences of domestic violence," she said.

Once a police officer and a Secret Service officer, Chong married her husband Peter Chong on St. Patrick's Day 1984. She had known him since they were in seventh grade. They started dating in 1982 when they were 19 and in college.

"I knew he had a temper when it came to fighting men

and that he drank and smoked, neither which I did," Chong said.

"It was on our honeymoon to Jamaica when Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde appeared."

As a Secret Service officer, Chong was required to have her pistol and badge with her at all times. The final moment occurred when he brought her home after surgery. He became angry in the parking lot of their apartment and tried to take her pistol away. In the past he had threatened to kill her.

Chong remembered
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"I had to make a rash decision."

Rochelle Chong

MWC Not On Right Page...

Printer Error Leaves Page Out Of Phonebook

By LINDSAY BEATON
Assistant News Editor

When the campus phone directories came out the week of August 19, it seemed like all the pages were there. Page 49 led to page 50 which led to page 51, but the Multimedia Center staff, the Music department and the Physics Department listings were left out.

"On the same day the books were sent out, I got a call from the Music Department," said Linda Maple, the Voice Services manager. "They said, 'We're not in the book.'"

The real page 50 was included in the proofs sent off to the printer, but was somehow overlooked. Once the printer was made aware of the mistake, said Maple, they took immediate steps to reconcile the situation.

"Because it was a printer error, they had to do something to reconcile the situation at their expense," she said. She added that the book itself is paid for by the ads they publish inside, and comes at no cost to the college.

Because the issue of re-delivery was so

prevalent, it took three weeks for the school to decide what to do about the missing page. They finally had the printer create a page 50A as an insert to each of the 6,000 copies of the directory made up this year. These pages were given to Residence Life to be distributed to each building, who in turn distributed the pages to the students.

George King III, chairperson and professor of Physics, said that there were no problems in the three-week interim that he was aware of.

"We still had the old book around, and all the information is in there," he said.

Despite the lack of problems, Maple said it was a little inconvenient.

"It's important for incoming students [to have the information] because they don't know the numbers yet," she said.

Maple added that off-campus students, alumni, faculty and staff also use the directory, so the inconvenience was widespread.

"It was a lot of work people shouldn't have had to do [to re-distribute]," she said.



Police Beat

By PORTSIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor



Sept. 18—An incident of theft occurred between Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. A blue and gray Schwinn mountain bicycle was removed from the bike rack at Mason Hall. The bike was not locked and is valued at \$175. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 18—At 3:40 p.m., a man was discovered soliciting inside of George Washington Hall. Raymond A. Johnson, 25, was trying to sell memberships to E.F.X., a woman's pampering service. He was issued a trespassing notice and escorted off campus.

Sept. 19—At 12:50 a.m., Matthew H. Hallman, 19, of the U.S. Marine Corps, was found inside a room in Randolph Hall. After further investigation, it was determined that Hallman had been living in the room with his girlfriend since school began. He was issued a trespassing notice and escorted off campus.

The girlfriend was referred to administration.

Sept. 21—At 3:20 a.m., someone reported a disturbance coming from Russell Hall. Apparently someone was trying to gain entry into the building to fight a student. The individual fled the scene before campus police arrived. However, the individual was later identified as Brian Vincent Zehring, 20, of Fredericksburg. Zehring, possibly a member of the military, was wearing a cast on his left arm. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 23—At 11:21 p.m., Kevin Perry, 19, and John Madtes, 18, both of Fredericksburg, were discovered in the rooms of two female students in New Hall. All had consumed or were in possession of alcohol. Beer containers were confiscated. Perry and Madtes were escorted off campus, and the two female students were referred to administration.

Domestic Violence Victim Speaks Out

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thinking, "If he gets this gun, he's going to kill me."

"I had to make a rash decision," she said. "One of us would die and it wasn't going to be me."

They were living in Washington D.C., which at the time had no self-defense clause or domestic violence laws. She used the public defender and fought the case for a year. Finally she told her lawyer that if they could get her into court that coming Monday, she would plead guilty. That Monday she was in court. The date was Aug. 8, one year to the day she shot her husband.

The jury sentenced her to 15 to 25 years in prison, three years probation and 100 hours of community service. The judge reduced it to 18 months in prison with three years probation and 100 hours of community service. Those first nine months were spent in solitary confinement because she was ex-law enforcement.

"Now no one will hire me," Chong, a mother of two, said. "I have not held a decent-paying job since 1993." She spends her days speaking out against domestic violence and teaching advocacy classes in northern Virginia.

During her nine years of marriage, Chong's husband broke her nose, hyperextended her knee, dislocated her jaw, threatened to kill her, hit her in the head with a door, smashed her face into a mirror, threw her down the basement stairs and left a foot print on her back. Chong has Congestive Heart Failure after being kicked in the chest.

"My son was almost always a witness to the violence," she said. "After Peter threw me down the stairs, I noticed cuts on my son's wrist."

She asked him what they were from, and he said that he didn't know. She pressed the issue.

"He told me, 'I'm not big enough to fight him for you.' We have a special bond, my son and I," she said.

Chong said, "I could see the good in him [her husband], the same good everyone else saw. Me, Mom and the kids were present when the other Peter appeared."

She said that she went through a cycle of violence several times.

Jennifer Pugh staff psychologist at the college Psychological Services Center explained the Cycle of Violence.

"The first stage is small incidents of violence here and there," Pugh said. "This is the tension building stage where things aren't

going well and the perpetrator is getting angry more and more often. The second stage is the high-risk stage where a lot of serious physical and emotional harm like a broken bone will occur. The third stage is the honeymoon phase where the perpetrator asks for forgiveness and promises to be better and that he won't do it again. This is nice and romantic, and the victim really believes the perpetrator means to change. Then the cycle starts again."

Pugh said that violence happens not only in heterosexual relationships but also in gay relationships.

Now remarried, Chong uses her ex-husband's name for business.

"After years of abuse, I feel I earned the right to use it," she said.

Volunteer Braman said that all types of emotions surface when domestic violence occurs.

"We talk about women with low self-esteem but even women with high self-esteem can be caught up in [domestic violence]," Braman said. "It's so deep because you've got so many emotions involved. When you're dealing with emotions you can't explain why people put up with it."

She further explained that women are 98 percent of the battered cases. However, two to four percent of men are battered.

Chong said she stayed with her husband so long because she did not believe she could afford to support herself.

"I was looking at the materialistic things, not what it was doing to me and my kids," Chong said.

Chong says her new life is much better than her old one.

"I have a blended family," Chong said. "[My husband] is the opposite of any man the old Rochelle would have thought of dating. He always makes me feel special. I have my two children; I'm raising my niece's daughter; and he has three children."

Her daughter, Lauren like her mother, is active in domestic violence awareness. They live in North Stafford.

Also at the vigil, which starts at 7:30 p.m., Anousheh will play a piece she wrote "Piloting" and a Sarah MacLachlan piece. Polly Newman of RCASA will tell her story.

There will be the "Clothesline Project" which commemorates all victims of violence and a spiritual dance group. The mike will be open for a time during which individuals can tell their stories. It ends with the lighting of candles in honor of those who did not survive violence.

Behind Closed Doors MWC Makes Its Budget Plans

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Hurley said. Hurley said the college's three senior vice presidents made up the plans.

According to Hurley, the state ordered that Mary Washington College and all other state agencies outline plans that show how they would handle three different budget cut scenarios which included a seven percent, 11 percent and 15 percent cut on Sept. 20.

If the worst case scenario of 15 percent cut plan is implemented, Mary Washington College will face a total of 23 percent cuts to its funding from the state, or roughly \$4 million of about \$17 million.

At the meeting, the BOV, which is the college's governing body, will be informed of the specifics of the three plans.

However, no matter which of the plans the state approves, the college will be affected.

"It's going to be hard to recruit and retain quality faculty," said Jason Davidson, assistant professor of Political Science.

Davidson added that preventing faculty from traveling and doing research would affect faculty retention and hiring.

Hurley said that none of the plans have been implemented yet and that he expects to hear from the state towards the end of October.



Immaculate Conception...Sharky-Style

DETROIT, Mich.—A white spotted bamboo shark gave birth to three baby sharks. There was only one catch: in the six years she has been held at the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit, she has never come into contact with any male sharks. It may be due to a process called parthenogenesis, reported Reuters, the ability of unfertilized eggs to develop into embryos without sperm. "The other option here is that perhaps there's a chance that the female might be a self-fertilizing hermaphrodite," said Doug Sweet, curator at the aquarium. "That is, she might have testicular tissue in her as well as ovarian tissue, and it's possible she could be fertilizing her own eggs. Either way you look at it it's pretty weird." The only other shark held in the tank is also female. A fourth baby shark is expected in a couple of weeks.

Snow White and the Seven Shao Lin

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Disney is thinking of bringing back Snow White, and this time she'll be able to defend herself. Yuen Wo Ping, who has choreographed such films as "The Matrix" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is negotiating with the corporation to make an updated, live-action version of the classic children's tale, reported Reuters. The film is set in the 1890s, where a woman returns to Hong Kong for her father's funeral after a 20-year absence and discovers that her stepmother is plotting against her. She escapes to mainland China and hides with seven Shao Lin monks, who believe that she is the bearer of the fate of the world and agree to help her. Ping is just ending his work on a new Quentin Tarantino film "Kill Bill," and is currently working with Josh Harman and Scott Elder, the writers of the new Snow White script.

Would You Like Pot With That?

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—A customer in a Mill Valley Kentucky Fried Chicken looking for some extra food got a little extra high, instead. The customer obtained two bags of marijuana with his chicken dinner instead of the extra biscuits he really wanted, reported the Associated Press on Monday. The customer walked up to the register, exchanged the drugs for his biscuits, and called the police. Carlos Ayala, an employee at the restaurant, was arrested for possession of an illegal substance. He was also carrying a handgun and \$500 with him. Authorities said that Ayala was a regular drive-up window operator, and that the customer may have inadvertently given him a special code word to get the pot.

Barking At Dog Lands Man in Jail

HASTINGS, Neb.—A 21-year-old man aggravating police and their dog was arrested on Friday. He was gesturing at officers, who were trying to tow a vehicle, reported the Associated Press on Monday. Then he started barking at the police dog, as well. Wojo, the dog, began barking back, and despite repeated warnings to stop by the police, the man continued to respond in kind. When officers tried to arrest him, he ran. When officers finally caught up with him, they arrested him for harassing a police dog and obstructing a police officer.

More Sports Team Debate

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for our classes, and we will be unable to do special things for our majors such as a Career Night," Huber said. "This suggests that however much the administration may say about valuing academics, they really value the sports program more."

Ed Hegmann, director of Athletics, disagreed.

"The exception made for student team disarray was probably made because it is consistent with President Anderson's remarks in his State of the College Address where he stated that the budget cuts should affect the students as little as possible," Hegmann said. "This means that the faculty will be affected a little more."

According to Hegmann, the athletic department was not completely immune to the budget changes implemented recently.

"Every coach is responsible for their own changes and doing whatever they can. As a result, fundraising is taking a higher importance this year in financing all of the team activities," Hegmann said.

However, according to college reports, the athletic budget was not cut for this fiscal year remaining constant at \$1.2 million.

"We, like other departments, have suffered severe cutbacks, and like other departments, we will try to be a little more frugal," said Dee Conway, associate professor of Health and Physical Education and head volleyball and softball coach. "Right now we are fundraising to support our existing budget."

Every team is participating in fundraisers, including the women's soccer team.

"We are all selling tickets to raffle off a car," said junior forward Joann Walker. "That is our biggest fundraiser, but that won't cover all the expenses. We still pay for a lot of the things ourselves. The money for my team warm-up and bag came out of my own pocket."

Overnight travel is necessary for student athletes, according to Walker, as her team has a schedule with games up to four or five hours away.

"Plus, we can go to tournaments as far away as Washington State or Oregon," she said. However, Walker understands why some are upset about it.

"It is unfair for the faculty, but the student athletes are paying to experience college, and that includes athletics. Professors have had their college experience already."

Not all students agree.

"I think that it is absolutely ridiculous that the sports teams get to travel overnight, and no one else can," said junior Erika Simpson, who came to the college in order to stay away from the overemphasis on athletics. "I honestly thought that this was a school which focused on 'schooling,' but these budget cuts made me see things a little differently. I love going to swim meets in the winter, and watching soccer games in the fall and spring,

but I do think that a club with convictions, ideas, and a desire to make a change or educate should come before one's love for baseball or rugby."

According to Hurley, there are several reasons why student athletes are not affected by the overnight travel freeze.

"There was an exception made because participation in team activities is part of the student's educational experience, our teams are in a conference and not allowing travel to away games is disruptive to the entire conference, and our teams are funded from a non-state source which makes it a little easier to justify," Hurley said.

According to Hurley, the money comes from the athletic department's total budget, which is \$1.2 million, which includes the salaries and all other costs associated with athletics.

Professor Huber believes these reasons do not justify the exception however.

"If the college is in financial difficulty, then the whole college is in financial difficulty. To allow sports travel to continue while academic activities are put on hold is to invert the priorities of the college."

To Huber, these proposed budget cuts will be harmful in the long run to education in the state.

"To tell us in this summary way that much of what we do is expendable is insulting, of course, but also it makes hypocrites of those who extol higher education in Virginia, and it shows all too clearly that their own educational experience has fallen far short of the mark, if they can't understand and value what we do," Huber said.

Opinions are mixed on campus about what should be cut and what should be left alone. Huber received less support from other faculty members in response to her email than she expected.

"I got about five or six return emails and about the same number of verbal responses," she said. "With few exceptions they were absolutely in agreement. I did hear from some untutored faculty that they strongly agreed with me, but they were afraid to say so," Huber added. "That's disturbing too — I mean that we live in an atmosphere in which people feel gagged."

According to Hurley, chief financial officer, budget restrictions are expected to last through 2006; an end to the controversy does not seem near, but Professor Huber plans to stay involved.

"My department, as well as others in Monroe [Hall], are planning how best to represent to the House of Assembly and the Governor that it will not be the end of civilized life as we know it if taxes are raised," Huber said. "But it might well be, if this persistent consciousness undermining of Virginia's institutions, and I don't just mean colleges and universities, continues."

Correction:

In last week's issue, the issue should have been identified Vol. 76, No. 1.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Editorial

Quality of Student Life vs. Faculty Travel

Will the debate on student/faculty traveling at Mary Washington College end? First, the college restricts all traveling for student clubs and organizations and all faculty, but not athletes. Enterprising leaders of student organizations went to the administration to challenge the decision, and as a result, the ban was lifted.

Now, some faculty members are arguing that the freeze on overnight travel for faculty, but not athletic teams, is unfair. They claim that the athletics are secondary to academic life and claim that they cannot go to any of their conferences, even if they have been invited as special guests.

First, the memo sent up by Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley said that if faculty wanted to attend these conferences, they would have to pay for them out of their own pockets. Since much of the research faculty members do for papers they present at conferences don't directly involve the college, this seems fairly reasonable. And if faculty want to go to these conferences, it is doubtful that many students will argue, since the faculty will be learning more things to pass on to their students.

Second, it can be argued that the professors don't pay to teach at the college while the students do pay to attend. Students choose to go to Mary Washington College not only because of the quality of academics, but the quality of student life as well. Imagine what would happen if prospective students were told, "By the way, if you were planning on playing a sport here, be prepared to play only opponents in state because we can't afford to shuttle you to an overnight game. Oh, and if you want to attend any conferences that are outside of the academic curriculum offered that might help you in your future endeavors, too bad. We can't afford that either." Very few athletes or students involved in alternative careers or majors would attend the college.

By preserving student life at the college, more students will apply, which will then put more money into the MWC piggy bank.

'Ignorant Rants And Unfounded Liberal Propaganda' Student Reacts To 'Aminrazavi 1, Bush 0: Student Takes A Stand On U.S. Foreign Policy'

BRIAN W. JOHNSON
Guest Columnist

In my short weeks at Mary Washington College, I have come to see *The Bullet* as a relatively professional, if not overly exciting, newspaper. I have come to enjoy reading it each time it comes out. But while reading the Viewpoints page in the Sept. 19, 2002 issue, I was stunned at what was published.

The column written by Victor Mondino was full of ignorant rants and unfounded liberal propaganda. I find Mondino's assertion that the U.S. needs to appease terrorists ridiculous. Mr. Mondino then proceeds to support that point with meaningless drivel.

A central element of Mondino's claim is that the United States of America is not the land of "democracy and freedom" that President Bush suggests it is. He uses five points to support this theory:

- 1) America stole land from Native Americans.
- 2) Blacks were considered property instead of human beings for 200 years.
- 3) America dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- 4) The Supreme Court chose the President in 2000, not the people.
- 5) Recent U.S. aid to Israel and Israel's refusal to "give Palestine back its land."

Among those five reasons, I find two counts of absurd levels of Political Correctness, two counts of ignorance of history, and one count of ignorance of The United States Constitution.

Let us start with the P.C. absurdity. I will agree that the first two points contain no false

statements and no misrepresentations of the facts. I will also agree that the enslavement of blacks and almost genocidal attack on Native American culture were some of the darkest parts of American history.

But that was America then, not America now. We cannot be held responsible for the sins of our ancestors. This is the most fundamental belief that we share as Americans. You are to be judged by who you are, not who your father was. My grandfather may have been a racist, but that does not make me one. America has not always been truly "free." But Yesterday is gone. Today is its own day.

Next Mondino asserts that America's decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima is evidence that America is not truly the land of the free. Not only does this not

"It makes the assumption that dropping the atomic bomb was wrong."

Brian W. Johnson

have any relevance to the issue of American values that Mondino is addressing, it makes the assumption that dropping the atomic bomb was wrong.

In truth, there is little doubt that dropping "Fat Man" and "Little Boy" was the right thing to do. Most would agree that nuclear war is wrong today. This is because the use of one nuclear weapon would more than likely lead to an unbridled, worldwide orgy of death. But in 1944, no other countries were in possession of atomic weapons.

In addition, it was not used to start a war but to end it, as an act of self-defense against an aggressive Japanese nation. Thirdly, the use of that bomb saved lives. America estimated at the time that one million Americans would have died taking those islands, not to mention the untold millions of Japanese defenders. It is easy to argue it was wrong now, but many of us would not be here to argue if it had not been dropped.

FAST FACT:

Connecticut's state animal is the sperm whale, which is the largest active predator on Earth at 60 feet in length.

Fourthly, Mondino states that the United States Supreme Court chose the President in the 2000 presidential election. This is the most ridiculous of Mondino's claims. Undoubtedly Al Gore won the popular vote. But if you actually read the Constitution, the national popular vote means nothing. The vote of the Electoral College is what matters in Presidential elections. Is it fair, maybe not, but the people were allowed to select the President, and they did. The Supreme Court simply did its job by enforcing the Constitution, the law of the land.

Finally, after being so fond of history with his first two examples, Mondino conveniently forgets history again. During the Israeli War for Independence when Israel fought for the right to simply exist as a nation, Jordan offered Palestine the territory known as the West Bank as a place for its people to live. Palestine refused, and the surrounding Arab nations tried again to destroy Israel. Israel captured the West Bank in a war that it did not start, and did not return it. After Palestine, along with the surrounding Arab nations, failed in its attempt to destroy Israel, it offered a peace proposal in which Palestinians would be given a nation in the West Bank, an offer that it had refused only a few short years before. Israel decided not to give land back to its enemies, people who had been trying to destroy it, and the land has been Israeli ever since. Israel is not as refused to "give Palestine its land," but is instead keeping land it won justly.

The rest of Mr. Mondino's argument also proves to be nothing more than a straw man. Mondino argues that Bush is "the most ignorant politician I have ever seen" and that "I think most people would agree that [President Bush] doesn't have the intelligence to be the U.S. President." Yet Bush received his bachelor's degree from Yale University and his Masters of Business Administration from Harvard Business School.

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Letters to the Editor

Fact: It's Not The Victim's Fault

Dear Editor:

If a woman dresses provocatively it is her fault if she is raped. If a homosexual openly displays his sexuality it is his fault for being beaten. These statements would churn up feelings of outrage in most people. Most people would say, "How dare you blame the victim!" That being said, some people, including Victor Mondino, believe that the United States' foreign policy is to blame for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Mondino believes terrorists are justified in killing innocent Americans because the United States gives aid to Israel. He feels it is "unfair" to call Palestinian suicide bombers "terrorists" because "the poor Palestinians" are just "doing all that they can to keep what little is sacred to them."

Fact: Anyone who blows up innocent women and children is a terrorist. They are not defending what is sacred, protesting foreign policy, or protecting precious land. I'm sure Mondino would not consider members of the Ku Klux Klan who blow up black churches in the south defenders of the sacred. On the same note, does any one think Timothy McVeigh's bombing in Oklahoma was justified because he didn't agree with government policies?

Let's make things clear. Islamic extremists hate Americans, the United States, and anyone

who isn't Muslim. They consider them "infidels." Islamic radicals are no different than Hitler or the K.K.K. They all hate (or hated) a certain group of people because of their race or religion. Let's put the blame on the murderers, not the victims.

(By the way, if Mondino can successfully show any credible link between terrorism against America and slavery, WWII, the land of Native Americans, or the election of 2000 I will be impressed.)

Matt Neff is a senior.

Japan Bombed Pearl Harbor

Dear Editor:

After reading the letter to the editor from Jeffrey P. Cavanaugh, I have to overwhelmingly agree. The Japanese did in fact bomb Pearl Harbor, and they were not in fact a communist nation. Other than that, however, I am dumbfounded that such a letter was written and furthermore, astounded that the same letter was deemed publishable.

First off, I am confused as to what Cavanaugh's point is. His letter starts and ends with the correct assertion that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and they were not communists, but in between the letter is filled with random (mis)statements regarding the history of our country. As far as I know, both the United States and Japan acknowledge that Japan was not a communist nation and this fact has never come into question.

The letter is filled with attempts to drag the history of this country through the mud in order

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Bullet Letter and Editorial Policy

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During the question-and-answer period that followed Adams' presentation, he shared with the audience that it has been 11 years since he has spoken with his family. After he came out to them he tried to build a bridge and to continue their relationship, but he had a realization that allowed him to walk away.

"I'm allowing my family to do things to me that I wouldn't let a stranger do to me," he thought to himself.

Now, Adams has what he calls a "family of choice," a group of people who are related to him by love rather than blood.

"I've pruned my family tree," he said, "and [it has] added to my peace."

Accepting that he does not have to know all the answers has also added to Adams' feeling of peace, he told junior Ame Bristow when she asked how Bible doctrine has affected his beliefs.

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from God not to do it through people," Adams, a Unitarian Universalist, responded.

Stacey Bittner, class of 2002, asked about Adams' relationship with Christians. She said that the experiences he shared on Wednesday night were so negative that she wondered if he had had any encounters with individuals who have not been as negative or legalistic as Adams' family and the people he met through Jerry Falwell's school. Adams admitted that there are "Good Christians" out there.

"Your homework, so to speak, if you don't want to be painted as a fundamentalist, is to make sure your voice is louder than they are," Adams said to Bittner.

Sophomore Phil Seidman was very moved by Adams' presentation.

"I was lucky to grow up in a very liberal family," Seidman said. "My parents were very accepting, especially when I came out to them. It hurt a lot to hear that people are forced into these situations, to be taught their whole life that they're wrong, that God hates them."

Nathan Figueroa, the president of Mary Washington College's PRISM, People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities, was very pleased with Adams' presentation. According to Figueroa, the ultimate point of having Adams speak at Mary Washington was to raise some awareness.

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Son of a Preacher Man

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mission: outreach and support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students at religious schools and education to make the public aware of what goes on at religious institutions. Since 1998, Adams has driven over 190,000 miles across North America for HeartStrong speaking engagements like this one and outreach and rescue missions for GLBT students.

"As someone who had made it out of the burning building alive I had a responsibility to go back and save as many people as I can," Adams said.

During the question-and-answer period that followed Adams' presentation, he shared with the audience that it has been 11 years since he has spoken with his family. After he came out to them he tried to build a bridge and to continue their relationship, but he had a realization that allowed him to walk away.

"I'm allowing my family to do things to me that I wouldn't let a stranger do to me," he thought to himself.

Now, Adams has what he calls a "family of choice," a group of people who are related to him by love rather than blood.

"I've pruned my family tree," he said, "and [it has] added to my peace."

Accepting that he does not have to know all the answers has also added to Adams' feeling of peace. He told junior Anne Bristow when she asked how Bible doctrine has affected his beliefs.

"People can use the Bible to say anything they want it to say because most of it is so obscure and the translations that we have are so convoluted sometimes and so untrustworthy that you can use them for whatever you want. What I've had to do in my life is realize that if I'm going to get messages

from God not to do it through people," Adams, a Unitarian Universalist, responded.

"Stacey Bitter, class of 2002, asked about Adams' relationship with Christians. She said that the experiences he shared on Wednesday night were so negative that she wondered if he had had any encounters with individuals who have not been as negative or legalistic as Adams' family and the people he met through Jerry Falwell's school. Adams admitted that there are "Good Christians" out there. "Your homework, so to speak, if you don't want to be pointed as a fundamentalist, is to make sure your voice is louder than they are," Adams said to Bitter.

Sophomore Phil Seidman was very moved by Adams' presentation.

"It was lucky to grow up in a very liberal family," Seidman said. "My parents were very accepting, especially when I came out to them. It hurt a lot to hear that people are forced into these situations, to be taught their whole life that they're wrong, that God hates them."

Nathan Figueroa, the president of Mary Washington College's PRISM, People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities, was very pleased with Adams' presentation. According to Figueroa, the ultimate point of having Adams speak at Mary Washington was to raise some awareness.

"When you're straight you don't think 'How can I confront my stereotypes about gays and lesbians?' 'Let me challenge my religious beliefs.' It's not something that you hear every day," he said.

Upcoming PRISM events include the Queer Film Festival, part of the college's Fall into Fridays program, and the annual Drag Show, which will be held in the spring.

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Commuting Students remember to check your campus mailboxes this week for the Commuting Student Association Newsletter!

Also, don't forget about the Commuting Student Association meeting Oct. 3 at 5 in the Tan Lounge. The meeting will be about parking and we will have representatives from the police department and administration present to answer questions.

CSA is still looking for people to be on our publicity and events committees. If interested contact us at comsa@mw.edu.

Commuters we still need your names and numbers for the directory. Send them to comsa@mw.edu!

Sports

the latest athletic news and information

schedule

Cross Country

Sept. 27: Great Amer. Festival
Charlotte, NC

Field Hockey

Sept. 28: at Lynchburg College

Men's Rugby

Sept. 28: at Longwood College

Men's Soccer

Sept. 28: at Goucher College

Volleyball

Sept. 26: at St. Mary's College

Women's Soccer

Sept. 28: at York College

scores

Field Hockey

Sept. 21: Johns Hopkins Univ.
L 3-2
Sept. 22: Franklin & Marshall
W 1-0

Men's Rugby

Sept. 21: University of Virginia
W 35-33

Men's Soccer

Sept. 22: Roanoke College
L 1-0

Volleyball

Sept. 21: Washington College
W 3-0
Sept. 21: Gallaudet University
W 3-0

Women's Soccer

Sept. 21: Lebanon Valley Coll.
W 2-1
Sept. 24: Goucher College
W 8-3

athlete of the week

Kevin Bradley Men's Rugby

The senior captain gave the team victory when he converted his last second penalty kick.



Cheryl Bradley/Special to The Bullett

Senior captain Kevin Bradley converts on his penalty kick to bring the Eagles to victory.

Mothers Shock UVA, 35-33

By JANET COOPER
Sports Editor

The fans came out in droves to support the Mary Washington College men's rugby team as they defeated the University of Virginia in a thrilling, see-saw battle, 35-33.

"The energy that came from the sideline as we took the lead in the final second was the best I have seen at any MWC sporting event," sophomore Dane Whitworth said.

It was a back and forth game, with the Cavaliers and Mothers trading points throughout. MWC fell behind early, but junior Mark Malone soon tied the score after UVA failed to convert a penalty kick. After Malone's try and senior Kevin Bradley's conversion kick, the score was tied at 7-7.

The game remained close throughout the first half. Each team scored again and the score midway stood at 14-10 in favor of the Cavaliers.

At the start of the second half, the

Mothers found themselves down by nine after a try by UVA, but Bradley quickly brought his team back into the game with a 40-yard penalty kick to make the score 19-13.

The lead shifted to the Mothers favor when Whitworth put the ball over the goaline and gave them the favor, 20-19.

Only five minutes remained with the score stuck at 32-26 in favor of the Mothers as a result of another try by Malone. UVA responded however, and recorded a try as well as the conversion. They grabbed the lead, 33-32 with less than two minutes remaining.

The Mothers came through in the clutch, and with time running out they received a penalty kick. The crowd watched in anticipation as Bradley split the uprights with his kick and gave the Mothers victory 35-33.

"It was just a matter of playing as a team for 80 minutes. All in all, it was the best performance I've seen in a long time from the team,"

Fast Fact:

Since 1978, at least 37 people have died as a result of shaking vending machines, in an attempt to get free merchandise. More than 100 people have been injured.

Meet the Player: Andi Sasin

By PAM KRAMER
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the most difficult aspects of playing a varsity collegiate sport is the time commitment. Often there are 6 a.m. practices, then afternoon practices, followed by weight lifting and running. This seems almost impossible when added onto school work and social activities. However, this is the life of an athlete at Mary Washington College. Now if you multiply that by two, you have a two season athlete.

Andi Sasin is one of these people. A women's field hockey and lacrosse player for two years now, going on three, this 5'3 junior from West Chester, Pennsylvania has been playing these sports since the seventh grade, not to mention competing in soccer, softball and gymnastics. Andi was not positive about playing both field hockey and lacrosse at Mary Washington College.

"I prefer field hockey," Sasin said. However, after coming and meeting the players and the coach, Andi decided to continue her lacrosse career here.

Now two years later, she has helped the field hockey team to a 2001 NCAA berth and a 2001, 2002 NCAA Final Four appearance for lacrosse. The field hockey team is currently ranked 12th in the nation and is holding a 6-2 record, including 3-0 in the Capital Athletic Conference. The lacrosse team continues to train hard without her out of season, and expects to be in the top 10 once again

this coming spring.

So which of these complex sports is tougher to play?

"Well, lacrosse is easier to just pick up, the skills stay with you. Field hockey is a little different, and a little more difficult to pick up. They are both hard for different reasons. You need more endurance in field hockey, but you need more speed in lacrosse," Sasin said.

Sasin plays similar positions in both of her sports. Her position in field hockey is called "left-back." She is one of four defenders on the backside of the field, making sure the ball remains on the other side of the field.

Her lacrosse position is called "defensive-wing," and once again, her job is to keep the ball away from her goalie. The biggest difference in these two positions is her involvement in the offense. Field hockey she does not go up to play offense, however, in lacrosse, Andi has often been known to be the "secret weapon" of the offense.

When asked what she likes best about playing two sports here, Sasin said, "I don't get burnt out easily on one sport. When season is done with one sport I move onto the next. It also keeps me out of trouble."

You can look for Andi next month when MWC hosts conference rival Catholic University on the first of the month and will look for another NCAA bid as well as a conference title.



Katy Valluzzo/Bullett

Junior Andi Sasin participates in both field hockey and lacrosse.

Fifth Ranked MWC Routs Goucher

By TOM BORAK
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College Eagles were flying high coming into Tuesday's game with Goucher College (0-6-1; 0-1 CAC).

Riding a three game winning streak, the Eagles set the tone early, out passing, out shooting, and generally out playing the smaller and weaker Goucher squad on their way to an 8-3 victory.

The first goal was scored five minutes into the game on a beautiful shot by Kathryn Amirpashaie from just outside the 18.

Going one on one with a Goucher defender, Amirpashaie faked right and rolled left, buying herself just enough time to rip a clean shot into the top right corner of the cage.

Eleven minutes later, the Eagles exploded for two more goals, one from Betsy Pitti, and another by Elise Faisick a minute later.

The Eagles kept the Gophers' keeper on her toes with a steady barrage of shots throughout the game. Goucher added to the damage by allowing an "own goal" for the fourth tally. Joann Walker's shot deflected off a Goucher defensive back and into the net with 2:27 left on the clock in the first half.

Sporting a four goal lead and a deep, well-rested bench, MWC decided to switch goalkeepers for the second half. The Eagles pulled starting keeper, Mary Elizabeth Fulco, who extended her shutout streak to 224 minutes, and handed the job to Amanda Thomas. This proved

to be the break Goucher needed.

In the sixth minute of the second half, the Gophers struck for their first score on a corner kick. The ball was very poorly played by the Eagles who were dismal, both defensively and offensively, from the corner all day. Thomas looked lost amid the sea of players, and did not play the ball aggressively.

Seven minutes later, Goucher scored from the corner again. Thomas stood in the net with a defeated look on her face as the Gophers tried to climb back into the fight. Thomas ended the game with one save and three goals allowed in the half.

Second half goals by Mary Washington College included another round from Amirpashaie and Faisick, as well as contributions from Joann Walker and Hannah Slotnick.

"A lot of the girls are a little concerned about it," one player said, speaking on condition of anonymity about the strength of the goalie in the second half.

It's nerve-racking to think about losing our starting keeper at this point...she's working hard, and she'll get there. The last goal was more the result of bad communication than anything else."

This is a question mark that MWC will have to face as the season progresses. They will also work to improve their play on the offensive corner kick. The Eagles were a terrible 0-11 on corner attempts with very few decent shots.

"We will be working corners tomorrow," Amirpashaie said. "But we really don't have any set plays. Our

strength is our speed. We need to continue to move the ball quicker and score off of that."

Despite some small chinks in the armor, the Eagles made an impressive showing. This team plays well together

and has a tendency to step to the challenge of their opponent.

They will get their next chance at home when St. Mary's College comes to the Battlegrounds on October 2nd.



Katy Valluzzo/Bullett

Junior Lauren Eisold battles against the opposition.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Chief Beger Retires To The Farm

Photo Essay By Worth Stokes



"The sun is shining, the sky is blue, so leave a message, and we'll get back to you," says Chief Beger on the answering machine back on his farm in Woodford, VA, just 18 miles from MWC. Since retiring in August after five years as Campus Police Chief, Beger says he's been taking care of his wife, Joanna, and looking after the animals. Eight sheep, 40 ducks, four dogs, and a long list of projects around the house keep him busy, so Beger isn't sleeping in.






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



In 75 percent of all sexual assault cases one or both of the people involved are intoxicated.

Stats

-  1 in 3 women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
-  1 in 7 males will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
-  Victimization rates were highest among women ages 15-34.
-  An estimated 80% of all rape is date or acquaintance rape.
-  Fifty two percent of men convicted of rape will be re-arrested again within 3 years.

Stats courtesy of www.RCASA.org

Tips

-  Let your friends know where you will be and when you expect to return.
-  Use assertive communication. Don't rely on body language as a hope your date gets the message.
-  If you say "No!" and your date won't listen, it is OK to be rude. Yell, scream, run or whatever is necessary to maintain your safety.
-  Have an alternative plan for transportation home. Have enough money for a cab or bus if necessary.
-  Remember that accepting rides from someone you just met can be dangerous. Not everyone is trustworthy and you can't take a stranger on their word.
-  It is difficult to recognize the stages of sexual assault when under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You may miss an important "warning bell" or subtle sign that the situation is getting out of your control and into someone else's.
-  State your intentions early and have the other party state theirs as well...

Quote

I believe a cautious air is warranted in the college social system. As far as I know this has been caused primarily by men, and alcohol.

Russell Evans, sophomore

The Myths And Facts Of Sexual Assault

By JULIE STAVITSKI
Editor-in-Chief

Three of my friends say they have been forced to have sex against their will.

Additionally, out of my circle of friends from both high school and college, at least five have had a sexual encounter while drunk and have awakened next to someone, unable to remember what they had done the night before.

Out of the five, four occurrences happened with people we knew and were friends with, four occurrences involved alcohol, and three happened before the age of 20.

Only one ever reported the incident to the police.

Sexual assault, described by Virginians aligned against Sexual Assault (VAASA) as a crime of violence, power and control, is becoming more and more prevalent. According to the Rappahannock Council against Sexual Assault (RCASA), one in three females and one in five males will be sexually assaulted before they turn 18.

According to Jim Harris, Mary Washington College's Police Director, only one incidence of forcible sex occurred at the college in 2001, compared with three in 2000. However, Harris said that this low number does not mean that sexual assaults at the college are not happening; it most likely means that many assaults are going unreported.

"No one has any way of knowing [how many rapes actually occur]," Harris said. "Obviously the number would be a lot higher."

Dr. Barbara Wagar, director of the Psychological Services Center, said that the Mary Washington College campus

is not alone in its low sexual assault reports.

"Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes," Wagar said.

MYTH: Sexual assaulters seek out strangers as their victims.

FACT: Eighty percent of all attacks are committed by someone the victim knows.

Nan (name has been changed), a friend of mine from high school, recently went out with bar hopping with a friend. They both met guys at one bar and began to talk to them. All had been drinking, and after small talk the guys suggested that they go for a walk on the beach. Both girls separated, and the guy Nan had been hanging out with began kissing her. Nan said she remembers telling him to stop, but he continued.

Because she had been drinking, Nan said she woke up the next morning and couldn't remember exactly what happened after that, though she said she knows things went further than she wanted. This was Nan's first sexual encounter.

"I just can't remember exactly what happened," Nan said.

According to Polly Newman, Education/Outreach coordinator for RCASA, the case of stranger rape is not as frequent as the made-for-TV movies make it out to be.

"Most sexual assault is committed by someone the victim knows," Newman said.

According to Police Director Harris, 84 percent of victims know their attacker and 57 percent of attacks occur while on dates.

Newman said the threat of acquaintance sexual assault becomes even higher on college campuses,

because of students' new environment.

"It's their first time out on their own, some students want to rebel and party, and others are scared to death. Based on their own life experiences, people may not recognize risky behaviors," Newman said.

MYTH: Sexual Assault happens to women who "ask for it" by dressing provocatively.

FACT: Sexual assault is not a result of the way a person dresses or acts. It is the assailant who decides to assault someone. The victim is not an accessory to the crime.

According to Newman, there are three stages to a sexual assault: intrusion, desensitization, and isolation.

Intrusion occurs when an assailant has picked out his or her victim. He or she begins to test their victim's personal space to see what types of reactions they get. Attackers will often change the intonation of their voice and use body language in order to see how far they can push their victim. Newman said that if the victim begins to react to the attacker's advances, the attacker will often try to make the victim feel foolish.

"They'll often say 'Oh don't be silly, there's nothing wrong,' and continue the behavior," right Newman. "They'll try to

make the victim stupid for bringing up their discomfort."

In desensitization, the attacker continues to hang around the victim and make him or her feel like there's nothing wrong with the behavior. Often times the attacker will begin insulting the victim and issuing ultimatums.

"Some female attackers whose advances are ignored might say something like, 'I heard you were gay, but I didn't think it was true,'" said Newman. "It immediately puts the guy's sexuality on the defensive."

Isolation is the stage in which the attack actually occurs. As the name might suggest, the attacker isolates the victim and assaults them. Newman also said that isolation could be stage in which the assailant cuts the victim's ties to family and friends.

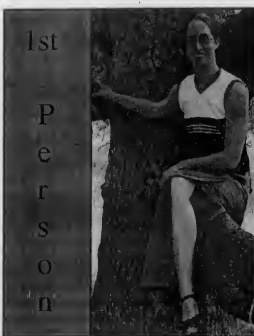
After the assault, Wagar said that victims go through numerous different responses to the



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Three of my friends say they have been forced to have sex against their will in college...only one reported the incident to the police.

Fighting...Falling...Finding

A personal story of the long-term effects of sexual assault



Julie Stavitski/Bullet

By C. RUTH CASSELL
Issues Editor

The Fall

I woke up face down in the hallway, face down on the scratchy carpet of Alvey Hall. I remembered that I had left the kitchen to sit down because I was feeling flushed, but I did not remember lying down on the floor.

It was Saturday, 1:30 a.m. the last weekend before final exams of my freshman year at Mary Washington College.

I got up off the floor and felt along the wall as I made my way back to the kitchen. I stood in the doorway, trying to get my friend Amy's attention. She was still busy making her Easy Mac N Cheese.

Before I could sit back down on the floor, my cheeks started to burn again, my vision got darker and darker, and my head felt like a hot air balloon was filled up inside of it. Then, Amy was shaking me awake.

I opened my eyes, rolled over and propped myself up on my hip and elbow. My head hurt. I tasted blood and it felt like I had sand in my mouth. I let my tongue run along the edge of my teeth and I felt sharp points and jagged edges.

"What happened?" I asked.

"I think you should go to the hospital, you might have a concussion."
"I want to lie down."

Leading Up To...

Until now I have not tried putting these words on paper. When retelling this story to friends and family, I say that the pressures to remain thin, to be socially active and to excel academically led me to ignore my body's needs. Ultimately, I fainted from a drop in blood pressure and from dehydration, breaking my first jaw and eight teeth.

I read over this abbreviated account and try to remember how I felt toward the end of my freshman year and what was going through my head. I go to my closet and pick up the journal I bought my first day at Mary Washington College. I turn to the last few entries before April 30, 1999, the morning I fainted.

"April 6, 1999. I'm absolutely an emotional wreck. It's 1:30 in the morning and I'm laying in my bed crying, because I'm alone," the entry begins.

"I'm lonely and confused. I hurt and I don't know the source. I'm still basically a happy person, but my thoughts are spinning out of control. As soon as I'm alone I get anxious and agitated," the entry ends.

Reading these words today shocks me because I thought I was happy during my first year at school. I had my share of young love heartbreaks in the guise of upperclassmen boys with bad intentions and I was not spared from roommate troubles that stem from a general lack of respect for other people's space. But, I thought that I had kept everything under control. I guess my body let me know otherwise.

The Means to the End

Before I came to college I was constantly warned of the "freshman fifteen," the idea that girls gain fifteen pounds during their first year away at college, and I held an unhealthy fear of that all through my freshman year. The urge to remain thin and attractive reflected my desire to be accepted into a social circle, something I never found in the tortuous terrain of high school.

I know that I didn't have a clear plan of what I wanted to do when I first came to school, but who did? I felt my way through the competing social and academic atmospheres, but I did not make the best of either side.

A typical day from my freshman year:
My day begins around noon when I room myself from underneath the quilts, having slept through at least one class. I scramble to take a shower and gather my books for my 1 p.m. class, barely making it on time.

At 3 p.m. I decide to grab a bite to eat. I never go to Seacoack because I don't have anyone to sit with at the large tables. Instead, I stop in the Eagle's Nest and grab the quickest thing so I don't have to wait in line for burritos or sandwiches. I usually end up with Strawberry Yoplait yogurt and a house salad with French dressing.

I take my food back to my dorm room so that I can try to get some work done while I eat. I usually skip dinner to catch "The Simpsons" and a couple of beers at Willis Street, the house where my roommate Kate hangs out with her boyfriend.

At 9 p.m., I walk back to my room alone. Once in the room, I stare blankly at textbooks or the computer screen, searching for the motivation I used to find so easily.

Or, I simply waste the evening away sitting on the front porch of Bushnell Hall, smoking cigarettes with other people in the dorm and complaining about how much work we have.

If Willis Street or another college house has a party, I wind up there one way or another. I hang out with other students I know and drink bad keg beer, but I also sometimes fall victim to the hook-up and forget it syndrome of many young people.

I am partying at the house that has been designated the "frat house" for the year and talking to a couple of friends in the living room. I excuse myself from the conversation and push past other students to get to the small dirty bathroom.

While I am seated, the door pushes open and in walks one of the upperclassmen guys who lives in the house.

"I have been trying to get you alone for an hour now," he says.

"Really, do you even know who I am?" I ask.

"Yeah, I saw you come in. You know my roommate don't you?"

Creative Writing

Training Ground

She runs around the parking lot
playground—
Looking past the hopscotch at
Desperate eyes.
Back in the bushes—
Too small to struggle.
She nodded her head—
Her voice, chased away,
Calls to her empty body—
Which does nothing but stay.

The blue uniforms give her a doll.
Broken, she points.
Her mother cries and, tearing hair,
Searches her child's blue eyes
For the voice of innocence: Stolen
And buried in the wood.

Seasons pass, bodies grow, scars fade
She studies the past, but
He digs a hole,
Discovers the voice and covers it again.
She says nothing.
The rough wind takes her breath;
She is silent as she nears the
wood—

Her own Choice.
Her eyes storm
And washes the dirty mound away
She recovers
Her Voice.



By Jennifer McGee

C. Ruth Cassell/Bulletin

How Life Caught Up With Me

Freshman Tragedy Led To Dealing With Past Sexual Assault

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"Yeah."

Him and I hang out at the party for another hour or so before he tries to quietly sneak me up to his room on the top floor. With some convincing, I agree to stay the night because it is late.

Despite the intimacy we express that night, I can't hardly get him to admit he knows my name for the rest of the semester.

When he finally apologizes, I rejoice in the fact that I wasn't the only one who felt something wrong happened that night. But, I also know that an apology is more than most girls get.

Reality Hits

An hour after I fainted the second time in the third floor kitchen of Alvey Hall, Amy finally convinced me to go to the hospital. I was more embarrassed than scared or upset and I kept asking myself why my body had given out on me.

I wasn't drunk. I didn't think this was my fault. I felt stupid. How could this have happened?

Chris, another friend of ours, drove Amy and I to Mary Washington Hospital at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. The doctor came in around 4 a.m. to tell me that I had suffered from dehydration and a significant drop in blood pressure and blood sugar levels. From the x-rays, he showed me a hairline break in my upper right jaw. He also told me that it looked like I had cracked a number of teeth.

After I put my clothes back on in the hospital room, a nurse came in to give me some liquid pain medication. She told me that I would probably not be able to swallow pills, so there was no prescription they could give me for the pain. I swallowed the clear liquid medication and immediately began crying. The nurse realized then that the medicine had glucose in it and the sweetness stung my broken teeth.

I called my mother after I woke up late Saturday afternoon following my fall. She and my father said they would drive to Fredericksburg early Sunday to pick me up.

Follow-Up

My parents had difficulty getting our insurance to cover the jaw surgery, so I went to an oral surgeon who worked with our company. Dr. Kevorkian wired my jaw shut with what I still think was a shoddy contraption of metal and rubber bands. I left the office with an "I Survived Dr. Kevorkian's Anesthesia" T-shirt, which I did not find as humorous as I think it was meant to be, and the promise that I would not eat solid foods for six weeks.

Eating was a whole new exertion, as was sleeping and talking, or not talking. I had to drink everything through a straw and I lived mainly on a diet of Ensure protein shakes, but only the chocolate flavor, and lukewarm Campbell's Tomato Soup. Luckily, I managed to not drop below my already too thin 98 pounds.

I chose to take the following fall semester off from Mary Washington College, because I still had a lot of things to get sorted out. I started seeing an older female counselor who worked with me diligently to identify the type of lifestyle that had hurt me.

Linda Sneed, my counselor, talked to me a lot about the relationships I had with people at college. I remember one session in particular when I told her the real reason I had first sought counseling. I recounted the following scenario.

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While I was at the hospital in Fredericksburg after I fainted, the nurses asked if there was any chance that I was pregnant because fainting is a symptom of pregnancy in young girls. They insisted that I take a pregnancy test before they would x-ray my jaw. A couple of weeks later, my mother received the bill and asked why the hospital had administered a pregnancy test when I was there with a fractured jaw.

"They wanted to know if there was any chance that I was pregnant before they did the x-rays," I said.

"And was there a chance?" she asked.

"Yes, mom, I have had sex since I've been in college so I thought that a test would be a good idea," I said after taking a deep breath.

"I thought this might be the case," my mother said with tears in her eyes.

The next afternoon I asked my parents to sit down because I wanted to talk to them. I told them that the first person I had slept with was my first real boyfriend, but when I was 17, a boy who took me out date raped me. He had sex with me even though I told him from the beginning and I told him while we were out that I did not want to sleep with him.

My parents immediately wanted me to go into counseling. Sneed helped me a great deal because she showed me that much of my self-destructive behavior could easily have come from being taken advantage of and learning not to trust people.

After I told her about the rape during our third or fourth session, she hugged me tight and handed me a Kleenex. Throughout the next four months, I told her everything about the rape and things I had done since then that put myself in danger. She listened patiently and told me I would eventually heal, and though the pain would never go away, I would be able to live without the fear.

MWC Men: Their Side

Compiled By C. RUTH CASSELL/Issues Editor

Q: How large of a problem is sexual assault on MWC's campus? What can be done to curb the causes and effects of sexual assault?

A: It's not endemic, but it is always a concern. Us RAs get trained on this topic and how to recognize it. Well, since the cause is just some break from rationality and humanity by the assaulter, it would be hard to curb. But we can try and prevent the act itself.

Robert Cambridge, sophomore

In simple terms I have not witnessed any sexual assault on the Mary Wash campus. At the risk of being cliché I feel this question would be better suited for the female student body, as men have less connection to such events.

Russell Evans, sophomore

Q: Are men victimized in the same way as women by mass media images of sexual identity?

A: No. However there are certain similarities between male and female social imprisonment. It is clear that our society places certain pressures of weight and maturity on its male population. This, of course, pales in comparison to the demands unfairly placed on the female physique. Some would confuse fashion with a victimization of the public; this is untrue; the impropriety is manifested in flesh, not cotton. Low cut shirts don't help though.

Russell Evans, sophomore

Q: Do men catch "too bad of a rap" for sexual assault? What are they to blame for and what are they not to blame for?

A: Men who commit these crimes couldn't catch a bad enough rap for it. This notion that girls just subconsciously want it and are projecting it through mannerisms or clothing is a sack o' poo. If it were so, guys in general would pick up these subconscious signals and sexual assault would be a lot more common. Instead guys may pick up something they perceive as a signal, and then they talk to the girl to get express verbal confirmation.

Robert Cambridge, sophomore

Speaking purely from experience, I have never been chastised by a "bad rap". As far as women go, I believe a cautious air is warranted in the college social system. As far as I know this has been caused primarily by men, and alcohol.

Russell Evans, sophomore

Q: In your opinion, what is the root cause of sexual assault—who is to blame, what behaviors lead to sexual assault situations?

A: The root cause is some kind of... I don't know the word... psychosis? I don't really buy into the "I did this because I never got hugged as a child or because I never learned to relate to women right". So the assaulter is to blame. Period. As for behaviors that lead to those situations, I think it is decreased vigilance, a sense of complacency, and a lack of awareness of surroundings.

Robert Cambridge, sophomore

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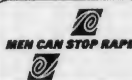


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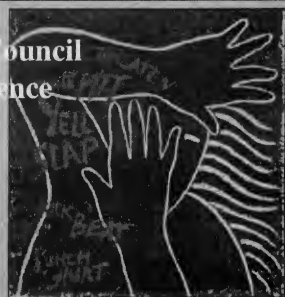


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MLB Playoffs: Hunt for October

COMMENTARY By CORY TEMPLEMAN
Staff Writer

The recipe for winning the World Series includes a hint of depth, a dash of post-season experience and a whole lot of winning magic. Fortunately, all of the teams vying to hoist the World Series trophy possess that winning recipe.

Four teams have already clinched division titles and it appears that the wild-card berths for the playoffs will both come out of the western divisions. The question of which team will become clutch or go home will not be answered until late in October, but every team in the playoffs is ready to climb to the top of baseball's mountaintop.

The New York Yankees, baseball's true dynasty, have won four of the past six World Series thanks in large part to veteran leadership and experience, great

coaching, and winning in the clutch. First baseman Jason Giambi, acquired from the Oakland A's in the off-season, and second baseman Alfonso Soriano have led the Yanks offense most of the season and have been a menace to many of the pitchers in the league and can easily carry their offense through the playoffs. If the Bronx Bombers do not hit you to death, they can easily pitch you to death. The Yankees have perhaps the deepest pitching staff in the league that includes Roger Clemens, David Wells, Mike Mussina, Andy Pettitte, Orlando Hernandez, Jeff Weaver, and closer Mariano Rivera making the Yanks a tough team to put down in the post-season.

Perhaps the most surprising team in the playoffs this year is the Minnesota Twins, who are making their first playoff appearance in years. The Twins spent many of the past seasons in the American League Central Division cellar, but the Twins young,

exciting talent led them to the division crown this season. Led by All-Star Centerfielder Torii Hunter and a surprisingly solid pitching staff, the Twins look to silence the critics and prove that they are for real and not a flash in the pants.

The race in the American League West Division might as well be called the Wild West because of the tight battle for that division. The Oakland A's and the Anaheim Angels are the heir apparent to making the post-season from that division and both squads have a lot of young talent that could give them an edge to older teams such as the Yankees.

The A's have three of the best starting pitchers in baseball. Cy Young candidate Barry Zito, who leads the team with 22 wins and was the American League Pitcher of the Month in August and September, is a dominant left-handed starter that will look to lead Oakland to a World Series title. Behind Zito are Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson, who have a combined 33 wins between them, are a potential roadblock to other American League teams looking to play their way into the World Series.

The Angels are another surprise team that has been competitive all season thanks to manager Mike Scioscia who has gotten something out of all of his players and has them believing they can win it all. Scioscia won two World Series championships with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981 and 1988 and knows what it takes to win baseball games. It appears that his players have learned this during the season and will continue this in the playoffs.

In the National League, the road to the World Series goes through Arizona. The Arizona Diamondbacks dethroned the New York Yankees last season and became the fastest organization to win the World Series. Having perhaps the two best pitchers in all of baseball does not hurt their chances again this year. Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson have a combined 46 wins this season and have carried the D-Backs on their shoulders all season. Facing the two flame-throwers in a playoff series does not give an opposing team great odds in winning the series, just ask the Yankees who saw them four times in the

World Series last season and came out on the losing end. Look for the D-Backs to sting opposing offenses during the playoffs.

The Atlanta Braves, a mainstay in recent playoff history, recorded the best record in the National League this season in large part to veteran pitching experience. Former Cy Young Award winners Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine anchored a starting rotation that consistently kept Atlanta at the top of the National

League. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the pitching staff is the transition of former starter John Smoltz to the bullpen where he tied a National League record with 53 saves this season. The Braves, like in past playoff runs, will only go as far as their pitching arms will take them.

There is always a sentimental favorite in the playoffs, this season it happens to be the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals have the talent

to contend with any team in baseball, as evident with the play of Gold Glove outfielder Jim Edmonds and MVP candidate Albert Pujols, but the Cardinals organization hopes to win for a different reason. The tragic deaths of longtime team broadcaster Jack Buck and starting pitcher Darrell Kile put a damper on the Cardinals' season, but hope to give them motivation to win the World Series in memory of these dedicated men within the St. Louis family.

With the battle for the National League Wild Card coming down to the last week of the regular season, the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants difference-maker will most certainly be their offensive production if they hope to make a run at the title. The Giants' Barry Bonds, the single season homerun king, and the Dodgers' Shawn Green, an up and coming superstar, are catalysts for their respective offenses and every run matters for these two clubs as playoff time rolls around.

The playoffs are a whole new season and the team that hits a hot streak and gets the most out of everyone on the ball club will be on top of baseball's pinnacle when the season finally culminates. So lets play ball!



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Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals celebrate clinching their division while holding up a jersey of the late Darrell Kile.

Hear Governor Mark Warner Speak About the Higher Education Bond Referendum

Tues. October 1 ~ Campus Walk at Lee Hall ~ 10:30 a.m.



Photo by Lou Cordero

The entire campus community is invited to hear Gov. Warner speak about the November 5 higher education bond referendum. He will be on campus to meet with students and kick-off the referendum, which will provide \$846 million for every public college in the state without raising state or local taxes or tuition.

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SGA will be holding voter registration drives and absentee ballot drives for the November 5 election throughout the fall. For more information, contact Meredith Johnston or Sara Rainbolt at x1150 or sga@mwc.edu.

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Theater production. "The Diviners." Sept 26-28 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. \$6 for students.

top ten movies

1. Barbershop
2. The Banger Sisters
3. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
4. Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever
5. The Four Feathers
6. One Hour Photo
7. Signs
8. Stealing Harvard
9. Swimfan
10. Trapped

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Quote of the Week

"Don't you look like a walking felony."

-Warner,

"Legally Blonde"

'Diviners' Live Up To Name

By JESSICA GOON
Staff Writer

If you have never seen a play at Mary Washington College, now is the time. Bring your roommate, your neighbors, your kids, or your friends to Mary Washington College's first theatre production of the semester "The Diviners". "The Diviners" opened Thurs., Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. to a packed house and continued to draw in crowds all weekend.

If you walked into Klein Theatre in duPont Hall a packed audience and some twangy country music welcomed you. When you looked up at the stage all you would see are some platforms sitting at different angles on the stage.

Sophomore Christine Carlisle and her roommates got seats in the second row for opening night.

"I've been to a lot of shows at Mary Washington and this has been the best. It's entertaining the entire time and the whole casts is really talented," Carlisle said.

"The Diviners" is about C.C. Showers, an out-of-work and disillusioned preacher, who wanders into Zion in search of work. He meets Buddy Layman, his father Ferris Layman and his sister Jennie Mae Layman. Buddy is a deeply disturbed yet gifted young

boy who is deathly afraid of water. "The Diviners" is full of playful one-liners, moral lessons, and a surprising ending.

The production staff did not rely on elaborate sets or props to tell the story. Instead the actors and sound effects brought the small Indiana town of Zion to life.

"It is challenging for them having such a blank slate as the set because they have to make it believable where they are," Stage Manager Julie Valeyko said.

Valeyko said a cast of 11 students and a large production staff has been working tirelessly for just over two weeks preparing for the opening. The cast rehearsed for four to five hours a day after their classes and all day on the weekends and it has definitely paid off.

"The Diviners" gets rave reviews from faculty and students.

"It opened really strong," said junior Michael Plummer who plays



Zack Baber and John Gaines work together to make the show a success.

Photos Courtesy College Relations

C.C. Showers. "We had a really great audience opening night with a lot of energy." Plummer is one of the few veterans in the show. He has been in half a dozen plays at Mary Washington College and was very impressed with the many freshman and sophomores who were cast in the production.

"I was incredibly nervous when I found out that I was actually cast in the show" said freshman Tori Miller, who plays Jennie Mae Layman. "But it is such a great experience. It made me want to be a theatre major."

Valeyko has also been very impressed with the actor's performances. "I think the show has gotten a lot better each night. The actors have just amazed me."

Part of the show's success comes from Director Michael Joyce. Joyce is a theatre professor at Mary Washington College and has a lot of experience directing. Cast members had nothing but praise for Joyce.

"This is the second time I've worked with Michael and he is really great to work with," Plummer said.

The real show-stealer has been John Gaines, a sophomore transfer student, who plays Buddy Layman. Standing in the lobby of Klein Theatre during intermission you could hear the buzz about how great Buddy Layman was around the snack stand.

"He improves each performance. Buddy Layman is such a different character and John has energy and emotion that he draws from the audience," Valeyko said. "The Diviners" is successful because it has a great story, good strong characters, and talented acting.

"The Diviners" plays in Klein Theatre in duPont Hall Sept. 26-28 at 8 p.m., and Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the box office in duPont Hall.

Singin' Their Hearts Out

A Capella Groups Perform At Parents Weekend

By PATRICE RILEY
Staff Writer

At the Parents' Weekend acapella performance at Ball Circle last Sat., Sept. 21, a semi-circle of back-up singers stood behind soloist, junior Tom Borak. As Borak finished the first chorus to the all-male acapella group Invoice's rendition of Van Morrison's "Crazy Love," one of the members of the group walked up to Tom, gave him a choreographed hug, and then returned to his place in the semi-circle.

An audience of about two hundred or so parents and students erupted into laughter, not just because the move was clever and fitting to the song, but because it showed so much more than about the group and its friendly, social dynamic.

For the last decade, the Symfonics were the only acapella singing group at Mary Washington College. Last year, a group of boys from the Symfonics decided to branch off and create the all-male group, Invoice.

"We started singing the Chili's baby-back rib song one day [at Symfonics rehearsal] and it all kind of came together," said Junior David Zedonek, who sings for both Invoice and the Symfonics.

Invoice added five more members at their recent audition, bringing the group total to 15. Like the Symfonics and the all-girls group Bella Acapella, Invoice is entirely student run, led, and directed. The members arrange and compose their music, and vote on what songs to learn.

But when they are asked about their experiences in the group, none of the boys elaborates much about all the hard work and commitment. Instead, they rave about the overriding sense of fun.

"Invoice is really like a brotherhood," Zedonek said. "Rehearsals are really fun. We go from a lot of hard work into a break where we play hacky sack."

Freshman Nam Duong agrees that his favorite part of performing with Invoice is the sense of camaraderie.

"As an incoming freshman I thought I'd have to prove myself. But they're all so accepting of everybody," he said.

The campus acapella groups are known above all else for the amount of fun they provide for both members and audiences.

"I knew nothing about acapella before I came to this college. I didn't come to MWC planning to sing, but I kind of fell into it and now it really defines who I am," Zedonek said.

In Bella Acapella, relationships within the group are as important as talent as well. At the audition held Sept. 23, members looked for girls with not necessarily with the best voices, but instead for those who seemed to fit in well with the group.

"We pick them for their ability to sing as well as their personalities," senior Libby Eddy said.

The girls of Bella Acapella have come together over not just sickness and singing, but also over socks.

"We jokingly call ourselves 'sock-apella,'" Rebecca Romaneski, a senior, said. "Because we all wear crazy socks to rehearsals."

Members agree that the friendships cultivated in the rehearsal halls of Pollard translate into shows that are brimming with enthusiasm and energy.

"We're definitely girls," said Romaneski, "We've definitely had

problems with talking too much."

At the Parents' Weekend performance the shared sense of love for singing with friends was immediately apparent as the crowd clapped along to Invoice's rendition of Spin Doctors' "Two Princes."

Again it was apparent with the thundering applause when Bella Acapella performed Peggy Lee's "Fever" with colored feather boas and elaborate choreography.

"Not even a wrong note or pitch can shadow what you gave to an audience and what you gave to yourself," Zedonek said.

Invoice will perform at the Mr. MWC Competition on Oct. 16 in Dodd Auditorium, and will perform the National Anthem on Nov. 16 at the Cross Country Invitational.



The guys of Invoice making the girls swoon.

Peter Kelley/Juilet

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'One Hour Photo' Gives Kodak Moment New Meaning

By SEBASTIAN FORGUES

Staff Writer

Robin Williams plays one of the most convincing roles of his career as Seymour Persh in *One Hour Photo*. He is a relatively simple man that will make you terrified, and at the same time, and sympathetic towards his life.

Seymour, or better known as "Sy the photo guy," works at a local convenience store, Sav-mart, as a one-hour photo technician. In the first few scenes it is easy to grasp his love for other people and their pictures. He welcomes them every time they come in and thanks them for coming.

As the customers come in and out, he explains that pictures only represent the happy moments in people's lives. No one ever photographs the sad moments. He gains a simple happiness from viewing the happiness in other people's pictures.

At first, this little obsession seems harmless. As his character develops, however, Williams, becomes involved in the lives of his

customers. He pretends that the people in the pictures are actually his family. He pretends that he is a part of their lives. He pretends he is a part of them. His obsession grows to a sick reality of a man desperate to be a part of a family in his small suburban town.

One disturbing scene reveals Williams in his small, simple apartment watching "The Simpsons." It is an episode with Bart talking about how someone wants to kill him. Homer replies with, "Well, it is probably the person you least suspect." As Homer finishes the line, the camera shines from Williams' face to the adjacent wall, lined from top to bottom and left to right, with pictures he copied from his customers' rolls. There are lights correctly positioned for him to look at each and every picture that he feels is important to him.

As I watched Williams' character, I could only feel emotions of disgust as I learned how obsessed he became with this one family. He memorized the address left on their film envelopes and would ride to their house and just watch it. He would have daydreams where this family would call him Uncle Sy. One scene after another, he continues

to involve himself in their lives as much as he can. The plot takes a twisted turn when he notices a pattern of people in certain pictures and tries to take matters into his own hands.

As I noticed his obsessions grow, I noticed the significance of symbolism in *One Hour Photo*. Everything is always white, such as the walls, his car, his clothes, and where he lives. He lives a simple life and he does not ask for much. He quietly pushes his glasses up with his index finger every once in a while. It almost seems that just as I became disgusted by his character, I started to feel sorry for him at the same time.

I do not know how Robin Williams does it, but his role is more convincing than ever. As one movie critic said, "What Psycho did for showers, *One Hour Photo* will do for snapshots." I most certainly walked out of that theater shocked, intrigued, sad, and terrified all at the same time. I would not hesitate to see it again to be scared and saddened by Williams in one of his finest movies yet.

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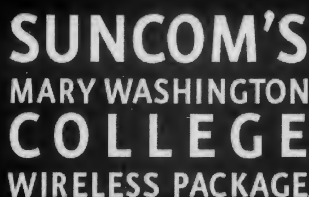
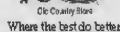
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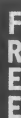
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By Ed Canty

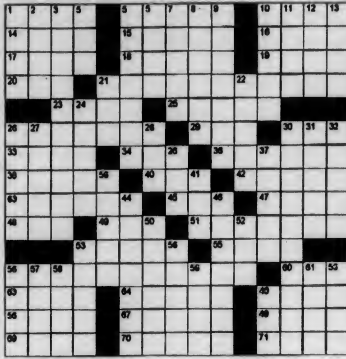
Reiterations

Across

- 1 Buddhist monk
5 Comedy
10 Hammer type
14 Eager
15 Greek marketplace
16 Gambling mooca
17 Peddle
18 Abnormal tissue mass
19 Fully aware of
20 Curve
21 Colorless bucket
23 Pennsylvania's lake
25 Peels
26 Workshop
29 Lay
30 Obscured
33 Rainless
34 Perish
36 Did over
38 Latin American dance
40 NBA's Riley
42 Churns
43 Be present
45 Light brown
47 Journey
48 Negatives
49 Drink in small quantities
51 Shooting stars
53 Visionaries
55 Gulp down
56 Mailed the penny
60 Prosciuto
63 Den
64 Alert
65 Comfort
66 Skin problem
67 Abnormal breathing sounds
68 Creamy white cheese
69 Melt
70 Garment
71 Schnozzle

Down

- 1 Hot stuff
2 Affirm



- 3 Crush candies
4 Sum
5 Dunce
6 Chills and fever
7 Frolics
8 Frog utterances
9 Sooner
10 Cuts short
11 Miss Horne
12 Prefix for opposite
13 Sheepskin covering
21 Word before hat or car
22 Register formally
24 Crest
26 Beelzebub
27 Muse of lyric poetry
28 Tear
30 Coat of the bunny
31 Loafer
32 Secretaries
35 Consume
37 Red Roof Inn, e.g.
39 At the start
41 Glasgow cap
44 Traditionalist

- 46 Freshness
50 Period before WWII
52 Bambino
53 Scatter
54 Series of notes
56 Venetian blind part
57 Every
58 Columbus ship
59 Supplements with difficulty
61 China holder
62 Mild
65 Recede

Quotable Quote

To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains.

... Mary Pettibone Poole

Japanese Weren't Communists

▲ WHAT?, page 3

to get a reaction during a time when the nationalism of the United States is at an all-time high. What else could the purpose be? Communism is not a current or relevant topic at this point in our history and few, if any, of the other events he mentioned have been in the news at all during the last year.

Another question that jumped into my mind is "How does the MEDIA have the power to revoke citizenship?" Now, it's been a while since I read the constitution cover to cover, but last I checked, the media did not have any say in who is a citizen and who is not. If they do, Dan Rather has way too much power. And what does Padilla have to do with anything?

There are many other aspects of the article that I could harp on, but *The Bulletin* only gets so many pages each week. Suffice it to say that the letter was poorly argued and poorly written. (How is "The Carpet-bombing of Dresden," a complete sentence?) To make this point, my roommate and I have constructed a proof, outlining his argument.

Proof: Prove Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and were not communist.

Step One: Let the Japanese contain the capability of being able to carry out the attack.

Step Two: In WWII, the United States was allied with the U.S.S.R., which was communist.

Step Three: Japanese were placed in "concentration camps."

Step Four: Hiroshima and Nagasaki were an attempt to kill as many Japanese as possible and were uncalled for.

Step Five: More Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians died than Americans during the Vietnam War.

Step Six: Iraq had a million die due to sanctions.

Step Seven: Padilla?

Step Eight: Americans of Yemeni descent had their citizenship revoked by the media.

Therefore the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and were not communist.

I think the real area of concern is that this country sponsors an educational system that yields someone who would submit such a letter for publishing.

"Now, it's been a while since I read the constitution cover to cover."

Michael Bonsiero and Kendall Manion

Michael Bonsiero and Kendall Manion are juniors.

"The use of one nuclear weapon today would... lead to an unbridled, worldwide orgy of death."

Brian W. Johnson

U.S. Is Infallible, Argument Is Not

▲ BUSH, page 3

Most of us could only hope for the academic history of our President. Perhaps he is a poor public speaker, but he is not in any way stupid.

Lastly, Mondino argues that President Bush is pushing for war with Iraq simply to keep his approval ratings up. By doing this Mondino ignores that Saddam Hussein is not only harboring, but actively supporting terrorists with the goal of attacking the United States, and that he actively kills and suppresses his people (the genocide he committed against the Kurds comes to mind) to maintain his illegitimate regime.

Thus Mondino uses false supports to support an impotent argument. He asks the United States to simply "change its reputation in the world." But he suggests we change it into that of a country that gives into evil by rolling over and dying when attacked. Thousands of Americans were murdered on Sept. 11, 2001. And no apologist view of history will stop it from happening again. Sometimes force is necessary in order to protect freedom. Only by cutting out the cancer of hate that has grown throughout the world can we protect American lives.

Brian W. Johnson is a freshman.



The Weekly Wassup

What to do... Where to go?!

September 26-October 2



THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

ICA General Meeting
Trinkle 204
9 PM

The Diviners
Klein Theater
8 PM
\$8 to the public,
\$6 for students

Ecology Club Outing
Meet at Monroe
Parking Lot at 4:00

Dr. Gardner Campbell
reads Gjertrude
Schuackenberg
5:00 PM
Combs 139

Talent Show!
Underground
8-11 PM

The Diviners
Klein Theater
8 PM
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\$6 for students

Meditation Workshop
Leidecker Center for
Asian Studies
Trinkle B39
4:00 PM

Mr. Deeds
7 PM Dodd
Drumbeats of the Ya
Ya Sisterhood
10 PM Dodd

The Diviners
Klein Theater
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10 PM Dodd
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Ya Sisterhood
7 PM Dodd

The Diviners
Klein Theater
2 PM
\$8 to the public,
\$6 for students

SPCA work
10:30 AM
Monroe Circle

History Club Trip
Fredericksburg
Battlefield
GW Circle
11:00

Polish Lessons
Noon in the Writing
Center

Black Student Association
5:00 PM
Meeting Room #4

Graduate and Professional Fair
UVA
9:00-2:30

History Club Meeting
Monroe 201
8:00 PM

5 Alive
Baptist Student Union
5 PM

Candle Light Vigil for
victims of domestic
abuse and sexual assault
7 PM
In front of Lee Hall

Graduate School Information Session
5-6 PM

